

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17, 20, 21 and 26 in the instant application as follows:

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17. (Canceled).

18. An aqueous starch enrobing slurry for coating the outer surface of a potato product having an as is solids content comprising:

ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

19. The aqueous starch slurry of claim 18 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Canceled).

22. A dry batter mix for coating the outer surface of a potato product having an as is solids content comprising:

ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

23. The dry batter mix of claim 22 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

24. A method of producing a dry batter mix for coating the outer surface comprising:

blending ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

26. (Canceled).